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RELATIVE FIGURES SHOW WHEAT SURPLUS POSITION

Statistics Are Given for Four Chief Exporters

Ottawa Statement on Position April 1st in Canada, U.S., Australia, Argentina

UK STILL MAIN BUYER

Spectacular Increase in Exports to Japan Stressed by Minister in House

By M. McDUGALL, Press Gallery Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, May 19th — The extent of the problem arising from the heavy surplus of wheat in storage and on farms in the four greatest wheat exporting nations of the world is shown in the relative figures for surplus on April 1st in 1953 and 1954.

On that date in this year the combined surpluses in U.S., Canada, Argentina and Australia amounted to 1,844.6 million bushels or more than 30 per cent above the figure of 1,406.0 million in 1953.

Balance in Canada

The balance in Canada on April 1st this year, after deducting estimated domestic requirements for crop year, was 652.3 million bushels of wheat, which is 122.3 million bushels more than a year before or about 23 per cent higher. This figure of 652.3 million bushels is balance for export and carryover on April 1st. Exports from August 1st, the start of the crop year to April 1st, were 170.9 million bushels, as against 224.7 million bushels in the same period of the former crop year.

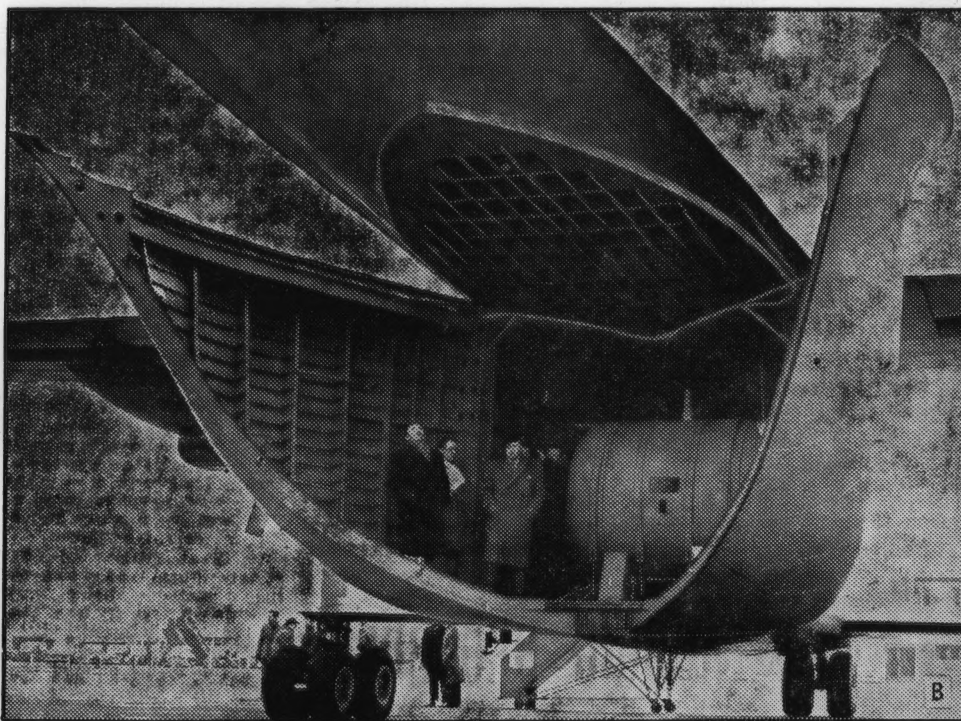
Supplies of wheat in the hands of the four major exporting countries reaching the total of 1,844.6 million mentioned above were as follows: Canada 652.3 million bushels, United States 923.1 million (compared 620.1 million previous year), Argentina 129.9 million and Australia 139.3 million. Only in the case of Argentina are the supplies lower than in the previous year (due to a poor crop).

Britain Remains Major Buyer

In Canada's export trade in wheat, Great Britain remains the major market, although, as is known, it is not a party to the International Wheat Agreement. During the present crop year, up to April 1st, Britain imported from Canada 46.2 million bushels, about one-third of the total export of wheat as grain (136.3 million bushels). The second largest purchaser, during the period, was Japan which bought 28.6 million bushels.

This gives emphasis to the importance of the new trade agreement with

New British Freighter Puts Beef on the Wing



Actually a rear view of a new British air freighter is this strange shape. It is the Blackburn Beverley, with its tail boom open. The largest of its type in the world, according to the builders, the Beverley is considered especially suitable for the quick transportation of

cattle and meat. It is powered by four engines, and in spite of its size, can operate from 1,000-yard runways. Twenty, each capable of carrying 25 tons or 132 passengers, are already on order for Britain's Royal Air Force, it is announced.

Over Third of World's People Short Housing

GENEVA, Switzerland — More than a third of the earth's population are affected by the housing shortage, declares Director-General Morse of the I.L.O. Some have no shelter at all. Even in the industrially advanced countries thirty million families are without adequate housing.

Japan, which has in the past few days been approved by the Canadian House of Commons, and which liberalizes trading relations between the two countries. In order of extent of purchases were, Federal Republic of Germany (10.9 million), Belgium (10.1 million), Switzerland (7.0 million), the Netherlands (5.2 million), etc.

Spectacular Increase

In connection with Japan, the minister of trade and commerce, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, said that our exports of wheat to Japan have increased from \$1 million in 1949 to \$52 million last year. We sold, he said, about 800,000 tons of wheat to Japan in the last crop year and expect to equal this performance this year.

We sold no barley to Japan three or

Apprenticeships for Maoris

AUCKLAND, N.Z. — An experiment in placing young Maoris in apprenticeships has proven very successful, 95 per cent of the first group having proved themselves capable of holding jobs for skilled work. Promoters of the scheme hope that Maori parents will be encouraged to keep their children in school long enough to qualify for apprenticeships — at least two years' high school work being required.

Favorably Impressed

When representatives of the department of trade and commerce and of the Canadian Wheat Board visited Japan last January to discuss the grain trade, they "were favorably impressed with the potentialities of the Japanese market," the minister said. "They were told that consumption of wheat flour in Japan in 1953 was 50

RCAF Participates in Welcoming Queen

LONDON, Eng. — In the formation of planes which escorted the royal yacht Britannia up the Thames to welcome the return of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh from their Commonwealth tour were 24 RCAF Sabres.

per cent higher than in 1952, and that the production of processed barley for human consumption in Japan in 1953 was 30 per cent greater than in the previous year.

It was the minister's view that this development will continue. "I am happy that Canada is in position to supply a large proportion of these needs." Japan is also one of Canada's major markets for wood pulp, flax seed, iron ore, copper and other important products. In 1953 Japan bought about 10 per cent of Canada's total flax seed exports.

OTTAWA — Volume of Canadian farm production was 6 per cent less in 1953 than in 1952, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, but was still the third highest on record.

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SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. — Tests carried out here over a four-year period showed that use of a press drill for sowing wheat gave an average yield of 25 bushels, compared with 23.5 for the double disc drill, 23.6 for the one-way disc, and 20.4 for the one-way disc harrow. The latter two were used with seeder attachment and packer. It is thought possible, however, that under less favorable moisture conditions and on different soil types the results may vary from these.

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AN OUTSTANDING RECORD

The Alberta Wheat Pool has an outstanding record of achievement on behalf of the grain producers of this province. Just this month patronage dividends to the value of \$2,494,000 were distributed among its member patrons.

On a per bushel basis dividends on the 1952-53 crop were as follows: wheat $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents a bushel, 1 cent of which was in cash and the balance in Wheat Pool reserves; oats, barley, rye and flax $2\frac{1}{8}$ cents a bushel with $\frac{1}{2}$ cent in cash.

Since its inception the Pool has paid out patronage dividends worth \$15,797,000, of which \$6,256,000 has been in cash and \$9,541,000 in the form of reserves. The Wheat Pool reserves credited to members are valuable property for with them rests the ownership of the organization.

Wheat Pool patronage dividends represent a savings which grain producers have been able to make simply by patronizing their own Alberta Pool Elevators.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

BRITAIN'S VARIED PATTERN OF FARMING

Great Britain has a wide variety of natural features and a very varied pattern of farming which is well worth seeing. There are mountains and valleys, thickly wooded hills and flat, bare plains. The farms range from large, highly-mechanised estates of 10,000 acres or more to small holdings of less than 10 acres.

So the Canadian farmer, whatever type of agriculture interests him most, will find its equivalent within the shores of Britain. And he will find a warm welcome if he wishes to visit farms, shows, or agricultural colleges.

The 93,000 square miles of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland contain over 50 million people. But of the total acreage of land, only about half (31 million acres) is available for growing crops and grass. Of the remaining half, two-fifths is occupied by buildings and roads, and three-fifths is mountain, moor and rough grazing.

Half Acre Per Person

So there is only just over half an acre of cultivatable land to feed each person. This means that the British farmer is continually battling to get ever more food from each acre.

With such limited acres, higher output can come only from greater efficiency in methods.

The years which followed the first World War, when it was the policy to import as much food as possible in order to export manufactured goods, brought British farms to a sorry state.

With the second World War, however, and the food shortage which followed, agriculture has become one of the largest and most important of Britain's industries, employing over a million people and producing about 55 per cent of the nation's food.

Average Holding 58 Acres

The number of holdings in the United Kingdom is approximately 530,000, and the average size of each holding is 58 acres. The largest number of holdings come in the 15 to 50 acre group, which includes about 65 per cent of all farms.

In Great Britain only 40 per cent of agricultural land is owner-occupied, the remainder being farmed by tenants who rent it from the owner.

Variety of Climate and Soil

The wide range of climate and soil conditions to be found within the British Isles has led to many types of agriculture and many breeds of farm stock to suit the different requirements.

Altitudes range from over 3,000 ft. in the mountainous districts of Scotland and North Wales, where the annual rainfall may be more than 80 inches, to parts of East Anglia where some of the land is below sea level and the rainfall is as low as 18 inches. The average annual rainfall for the country is about 30 inches, and in the main the west side of the country is much wetter than the east.

The soil varies from thin brash with rock outcrop on the mountains to rich, fertile soil in the Fens, Midlands, and parts of Scotland; from peat and sand to loam and heavy clays. It often varies within a very small area, for two fields side by side may be of entirely different soils. The mountains can be used for little but grazing mountain sheep and the harder breeds of cattle. The richer soils are often used for intensive cultivation of market garden crops — fruit and vegetables.

Two-Thirds Arable, One-Third Pasture

About two-thirds of the 31 million acres of cultivated land is arable, which includes temporary grass, while the remaining third is permanent pasture. Most of the grain growing districts lie in the east and south of the country, where the low rainfall and long hours of sunshine ripen the grain, and large, flat fields facilitate mechanisation. On the rich silt lands round the shores of the Wash, round river mouths, and some districts near cities, will be found market gardens.

On this page we publish the first of two or more articles on various aspects of British farming, prepared for *The Western Farm Leader* by The British Travel Association. The second article will deal with livestock.

The British Travel Association is the official body established by the government of the United Kingdom to disseminate information to British people who plan to travel, and to people overseas who may plan to visit Britain. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., is patron of the association. Earl Jowitt, former Lord Chancellor, is president. Manager of the Canadian headquarters, 90 Adelaide St., Toronto, is Alistair McLean.

As you travel further west you come to the mainly dairying and stock-raising districts, although dairy herds are found in all parts of Great Britain. The famous pastures of the Midlands are used for fattening stock, and sheep are reared and grazed on the poorer hill lands where cultivation is often impossible or uneconomic.

Although there are degrees of specialisation adapted to the district, the majority of holdings follow a mixed system of farming, and livestock of some kind will be found on most farms.

Wheat Chief Cereal Crop

The chief cereal crop is wheat, and most of the three million acres in the United Kingdom is grown in England, where also is found the majority of the two million acres of barley, much of it high quality malting barley used to make beer. Of two and three quarter million acres of oats, over half is grown in England, but Scotland and Northern Ireland, where oats is the principal cereal grown, account for over a million acres between them.

The average yield of wheat for 1952 over the whole of the United Kingdom was 22.6 cwt. per acre (or 37.6 bushels).

The sugar beet crop, first grown in England about 30 years ago, totalled 4,237,000 tons (10.73 tons per acre) for the 1952-53 season, and provided 575,000 tons sugar.

Increased Yields — and the Reasons

One of the most striking developments during recent years is that of the use of hormones for weed control. This, of course, is by no means confined to Britain, but the tremendous increase in the use of the opera-

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Farm Scene in the West of England



Sloping fields that run down almost to the sea are shown in this harvest scene. The picture was taken near Shaldon Hill, Devonshire, England.

tion is one of the most interesting features of present-day British farming.

There is no doubt that the use of selective weed-killers, more effective control of pests and disease and improved seed varieties, are the main reasons for the much improved yields of cereals in recent years. These improvements can easily be seen from the following table:

U.K. Yields per acre in Cwts.

	Average 1939-48	Average 1949-53
Wheat	18.9	22.2
Barley	17.7	20.3
Oats	16.7	18.8

Spectacular Advance in Mechanisation

The last 15 years have seen a tremendous advance in the mechanisation of British farming, and this has led to spectacular development in the agricultural machinery manufacturing industry.

In 1938 British firms produced 10,000 tractors; by 1951 that figure had risen to 137,000.

Just before the war it was esti-

mated that there were about 600 combine harvesters in this country; for the 1953 harvest there were over 20,000.

From a relatively minor output in 1939, agricultural engineering factories achieved a production of over £84 million in 1950 and well over £100 million in 1951. A little less than half of this was absorbed by British farms and the rest found a market overseas.

Throughout England and Wales there is now, on average, one tractor to every 50 acres of arable land, which compares with one to 130 acres in the U.S.A., one to 200 acres in Canada, and one to 300 acres in France.

Next issue — "Livestock in Britain."

Mechanized Farming Courses

CHELMSFORD, England. — Courses at the new mechanized farming centre have been opened at the Boreham House Estate near here. Organized by the Ford Motor Co., the centre will train about 800 students yearly.

Has Three World Records

A Canadian Holstein that has made three world records is **Grahaven Milestone Mona**, bred by R. D. Graham of Erin, Ontario, and now owned by W. K. Macleod, Thetford Mines, Quebec. As a Junior two-year-old, Mona produced in 305 days, on twice-a-day milking, a total of 18,570 lbs. milk and 795 lbs. fat, with an average test of 4.28 per cent butterfat. Continued on test for 365 days, she gave 20,759 lbs. milk and 900 lbs. fat, average test 4.34 per cent butterfat. Both her milk and fat totals establish new world records for the class in the 305 day division, and her 365 day production is a new world record for fat in its class. Mr. Macleod bought Mona for \$2,600, the highest price at the All-Canadian sale last fall. She is a daughter of **Glenafon Milestone**, one of the bulls in service in the Artificial Breeding Unit of the Waterloo Cattle Breeding Association.

Co-op Processes Soybeans

A new solvent-type soybean processing plant, built at a cost of about \$600,000, has been opened by Boone Valley Co-operative Processing Association, in Iowa. The present capacity is about 200 tons of soybeans a day, and it is expected to increase this gradually to about 300 tons. The co-op has 56 member associations and markets soybeans for its patrons, furnishing them with soybean meal for livestock feeds.

Three Scholarships Will Be Provided by United Grain Growers

Primarily intended to assist young people who could not otherwise attend a school of Agriculture, but who by taking part in community activities have proven themselves worthy of assistance, three scholarships are being provided again this year by United Grain Growers Ltd.

The scholarships will enable three young farm people to attend a School of Agriculture and Home Economics — one at Fairview, one at Vermilion, and one at Olds. They must be used for the school term commencing next October. Candidates must live on a farm, and be eighteen years of age, or older.

A committee will be set up to evaluate the candidates and make recommendations to United Grain Growers Limited as to the awarding of the scholarships. The following factors will be considered: academic achievement, interest in junior and community activities, leadership ability, and need for assistance.

Applications will be received up to August 15th. Application forms may be secured from District Agriculturists, District Home Economists, and Fieldmen of the U.G.G., or by writing to the offices of United Grain Growers Limited, in Calgary.

To Increase Home Consumption

WELLINGTON, N.Z. — While New Zealand makes and exports large quantities of cheese, the domestic consumption is very low. Believing that this is largely because the cheese is made for the export trade and is chiefly of one kind — cheddar — the Department of Agriculture is encouraging experiments in making such types as Rocquefort and Gruyere for New Zealanders.



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Burns Festival in January

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FARMERS OF WORLD IN CONFERENCE

The seventh conference of the International Federation of Agricultural producers opens today in Nairobi, Kenya.

Farm leaders from 27 countries are gathered there; and the policies which they approve will be of great significance to the farm people throughout the world, including Canada. Governmental action may be required to implement them; but the considered judgments of men and women who have an intimate and continuing interest in the solution of the problems facing producers may be expected to carry considerable weight with those who are entrusted with responsibility for decisions.

"Mounting surpluses," it is stated in a summary of the agenda, "will stare in the faces of farm leaders from every continent. The delegates will discuss various ways of moving surpluses of food and fibre into consumption, including the provision of food and fibre for workers on development projects in such hungry areas as the Far East. The conference will specifically discuss questions relating to wheat, sugar, cotton, dairy products, fats and oils, feeding stuffs and wools."

A report on the international effects of national agricultural policies deals with international agreements, and price support policies. It will doubtless form the basis for major discussions. The present situation as it concerns Canada and the United States will be heavily stressed.

It is recommended that IFAP, "which has always supported commodity agreements, should continue to do so more vigorously than ever, but on the basis that affords a possible means of reconciling conflicting national interests." It is proposed that IFAP shall "continue to make its voice heard before international councils and through individual member organizations, on the side of international co-operation rather than of friction."

A warning is given, however, that international commodity agreements, even if satisfactory for the principal food products in world trade, "cannot do the whole job of reconciling national interests and programs." Agreements may, however, "be an invaluable element in giving greater stability."

The delegates will consider whether it may be practicable, as a means of giving greater stability to world markets, "to envisage the negotiation of an international agreement covering at the same time primary commodities and selected industrial goods."

Many of the problems to be dealt with concern the technically backward countries, where undernourishment is normal. Land reform is the first requisite there, the Federation's officers believe, and after that, "an energetic and continuing policy of assistance to farmers for the purpose of promoting better farming."

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And at the honor and affection shown
By far-flung peoples to one fair young Queen,
The while they join in prayer with one refrain —
May she enjoy a long and peaceful reign.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

AN ALBERTAN AT GENEVA

Born fifty-nine years ago — not too soon to have plowed with oxen in the Peace River country — an Alberta man, Chester A. Ronning, is today playing a significant role in the field of international diplomacy. During the temporary absence of Hon. Lester Pearson, our distinguished minister of external affairs, from Geneva last week, Mr. Ronning took his place as head of the Canadian delegation which is sharing in the difficult negotiations which are proceeding there.

Alberta farm people — particularly those who know him best — will be gratified to learn that "one of Canada's least known diplomats," to quote a Canadian press despatch, has been found fitted to bear responsibility in a matter of critical and grave concern to his country and to the world.

Mr. Ronning has spent 25 years of his life in China, where his father was a missionary of the Norwegian Lutheran church. The son was born there, and there he spent his early years. He came with his parents to Camrose when they took up land in the district. Combining farming experience with teaching, he became principal of the Camrose Lutheran college. He served in the Alberta legislative assembly, as a representative of the United Farmers of Alberta, from 1932 to 1935.

When the second world war spread to Asia, the department of external affairs drew upon his knowledge of Chinese life, and he was eventually posted to Chungking. He remained in China until 1951, about two years after the rout of Chiang Kai-shek's forces on the mainland and the introduction of the new Communist regime under Mao Tse-tung.

A sidelight on Mr. Ronning's activities at Geneva was shed by a Canadian radio commentator a couple of weeks ago. It was thought desirable by the Canadian delegation that early contact should be made with the Chinese delegates. Mr. Ronning accordingly invited Chou En-lai to lunch, and the conversation which ensued was carried on entirely in Chinese. (Mr. Dulles, perhaps with an eye on Congress, avoided all contact with the Chinese delegates and is reported to have asked sarcastically, "Who is Chou En-lai?")

It is too early to guess whether any good may be accomplished by the conference. If, however, it should succeed, in even a slight degree, in lessening the danger of general war in Asia, Albertans will be warranted, we think, in believing that one of their citizens has had an honorable part in the achievement of this desirable end.

In a recent broadcast from Washington, James M. Minifee, Washington commentator, deplored the fact that the "old hands" who know most about Asian affairs are no longer in the state department, and that American diplomacy is suffering on that account. Canada, obviously, is not making that kind of mistake.

Signs of Prosperity Impress Canadian Visitor

Notes on Germany, Austria, U.K. and the Low Countries

By ROY C. MARLER

IF you could imagine that you had just come down from Mars and driven across Germany, Austria and the Netherlands, I am sure you would consider that these people are enjoying a period of prosperity. Their farms are trim and well worked. Their streets and buildings are clean and neat. They represent of course, the generations during which they were built.

The architecture varies greatly, from the ancient to the modern, as would be expected. Many buildings still stand as when they were bombed. There is much rubble to be cleaned away and new building to be done to replace them.

New Construction Amazing

Yet it is amazing the amount of new construction which has been, and is being, done. The activity in reconstruction is tremendous, and the bomb damage and reconstruction is so tremendous that it is impossible to comprehend without a personal visit.

The economy is steadily improving. There is plenty of food. The people are healthy looking and are well dressed. They move briskly to and from their work. There are less unemployed now than a year ago, notwithstanding that the average movement of refugees from the eastern zone is around ten thousand per month. It reached as high as forty thousand in one month last year.

Refugees Greatest Problem

Germany's greatest problem now is her refugees. The area of Germany, pre-war proper, is divided about equally in the eastern and western zone. The western zone, under allied control, has about fifty million of the total population. The Russian-controlled eastern zone has about eighteen million people. Then there is a heavy population of foreign refugees from the smaller countries, and workers who were drafted from these countries during Hitler's construction program.

There is a heavy population in the Berlin sector. Refugees nearly all enter western Germany by way of Berlin from the eastern zone. This represents a threat and great responsibility to western Germany in providing housing and jobs for these people. Thus far they have met the challenge of housing by building large apartment-type houses which can be used for living apartments as and when the refugees are finally cared for. West Germany lost two and one-half million living apartments during the war. They now have some extra camps which they are holding for any overflow movement that may occur.

Refugee Camp Scene Touching

It was indeed touching to visit the master refugee camp in Berlin, where all refugees are first referred. I saw people arriving with just a suitcase or two and the clothes they had on their backs, having left everything

they possessed behind them, starting a new era in their lives, but not knowing where and with no assurance of a job, or little else. They range in age from tiny babies of two weeks to elderly people. In many cases, they include whole families.

Another real problem is that in Western Germany there is three-quarters of the population, while in the Russian zone lies the large portion of bread grain or basic food area. This accounts for greater imports of grain.

Trend From Farms to Industry

Representatives of the West German government report that the trend of the people there is the same as in many other parts of the world, that of leaving the farm for industry and other occupations. They estimate that about three out of four of the refugees from eastern farms wish to continue in agricultural pursuits. This suggests that the economic position of those in agriculture is not relative to that of other groups, and that the need for adjustments in the economy to correct this unbalance has not been fully appreciated there, as in our own country.

The German government has spent 750 million marks, or nearly two hundred million dollars in settling fifty thousand refugee farmers on farms in Western Germany. Notwithstanding this major effort, there remain some 161 thousand families wanting to get farms. These farmers range from twenty to sixty years of age, and average four members to a family.

The farm settlement objective is to settle twenty thousand per year. The mining industry is obtaining 80 per cent of the employees from the ranks of the farm refugees from the eastern zone.

Eight Million Refugees Placed

It is estimated that a total of eight million refugees have been placed in the various forms of employment. In addition, there are around 300,000 refugees still living in camps. There is a total of 400,000 farm owner refugees, plus 250,000 farm workers. Of this total, there remain 160,000 to 165,000 farm families still living in camps. It is estimated that the cost to the government in creating each job is 2,015 marks, or around \$500.

Many of these farmers, who are the best type from the eastern zone, are now working in industrial employment such as construction and mining. Only three out of four farm refugees want to return to agricultural employment, the reasons being economic and no possibility of ever being able to acquire land of their own again.

The situation in Austria seems much the same as that in Germany. The people may not be quite as tense or so acutely concerned over their political status. Their economy seems to compare favorably with that of Germany.

Dutch Appreciation of Canadians

In the Netherlands we found quite a difference in many respects. The

Just home from overseas, where he was one of a party of three who investigated the problem of obtaining suitable help for Canadian farms, Mr. Marler responded to the request of *The Western Farm Leader* with these vivid impressions.

"As you have so properly recognized, Mr. Editor," writes Mr. Marler, "the report of our CFA European team is pending release of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, and I cannot properly discuss the contents of this study until the report is released. I am pleased to honor your courteous offer of using some space in your valuable farm paper to convey some of my observations during our visit to Germany, Austria, Netherlands and Great Britain."

Mr. Marler is president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and a member of the executive of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

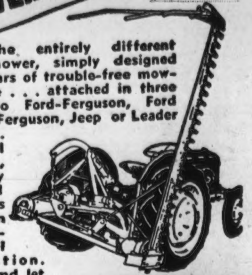
first thing that struck us very forcibly was the great appreciation the Dutch people have, and the open expression of credit given to Canadians for liberating them and their country. Their cities carry a more modern look and not the mark of past generations as do the other European countries such as France, Germany and Austria. They are second to Belgium only in population per square mile.

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While the limited time at our disposal did not permit an accurate appraisal of general conditions in Britain, it would appear that their economy is nearly back to normal, and that food and living conditions in general are much improved since my visit in 1948. In some respects Germany enjoys advantages over countries such as Britain as far as recovery is concerned. In Germany there are low minimum wages, no limit on hours of work, and in some factories 30 per cent of employment is by low wage apprenticeships, and 50 per cent women labor.

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In the case of wheat the results of the experiment are very interesting.

Mouldy wheat showed 87 per cent digestibility, whilst No. 5 wheat showed 84 per cent.

Mr. Bezeau is of the opinion that the difference in favor of mouldy wheat is accounted for by the presence of antibiotic producing moulds — which produce a species of penicillin, and as a result this wheat was as nutritious for hogs as No. 5 wheat.

Hogs and Sheep Choosey

It was found that both hogs and sheep were somewhat choosey in some cases and found that the mouldy grain was less to their liking than regular grain, but once they became accustomed to it they cleaned it up and made the usual gains. No digestive upsets were reported in either sheep or hogs.

It would be as well, however, to bear in mind that although moulds found on the grains used in this experiment happened to be harmless, it is recommended that mouldy grain be fed into the ration gradually and a close watch kept for any signs of digestive upset.

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Danger Ahead—Alberta Farmers Should Take Note Now

"WHY is Uncle Sam having dust bowl problems at this time after having gone through the dust bowl travail of the thirties?" asks The **Lethbridge Herald** in an editorial of recent date. The **Herald** then deals with the question at length. We quote in full below:

That question is being asked by a lot of our American friends. Wasn't the lesson of the thirties, the Okies, the treks that dislocated populations in the drought states, enough to hold farm and public attention on the developments learned so harshly 20 years ago?

The New York **Times'** correspondent in the West paints the picture, describing a typical scene in southeastern Colorado:

"For mile after mile the flour-like topsoil has been piled against the fences like drifting snow, tearing down the wire and snapping the poles."

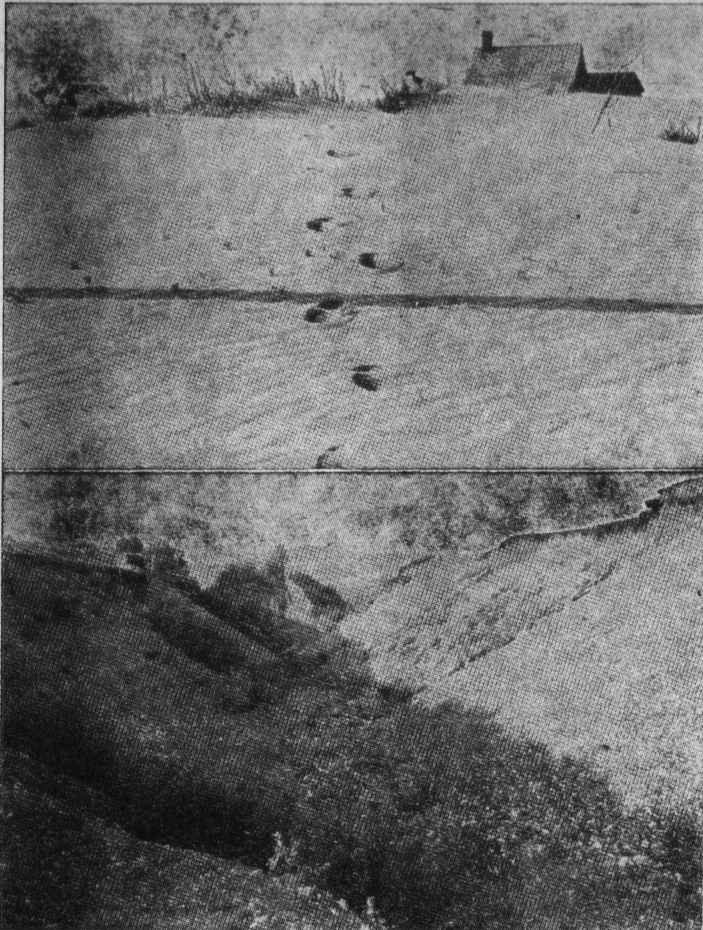
Accompanying pictures, says The **Times**, bear him out, and

recall memories of similar dust storms twenty years ago. A large part of the wheat crop in the affected area has been destroyed, and even worse disaster threatens unless wind and moisture conditions suddenly improve.

Very properly The **Times** asks why the lessons of 20 years ago seem to have been so readily forgotten, and goes on to comment:

The area presently worst hit (the U.S. Southwest), suffered comparatively little then, for it was mainly grazing country with relatively few cattle pastured on the range. But subsequently the food needs of the war and post-war periods have caused prices to rise far above the levels of the Nineteen Thirties. These high prices have been supported in the past few

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



These pictures, reproduced from *The Western Farm Leader* of February 17th, 1950, show: Upper picture, an extreme example of the final results of soil drifting — desolation and abandonment of farm lands; below, erosion of this gully, and resultant loss of good tillable land would have been prevented had sound conservation measures been taken.

years by deliberate government policy.

Under such conditions many absentee landlords have been encouraged to gamble for enormous profits by plowing up marginal land for wheat planting, 1,200 acres at a time, and by increasing greatly the number of cattle pastured on reduced range land. The dust storms today are Nature's reply to such irresponsible gambling and land abuse. Can we afford an agricultural price policy which encourages this kind of social folly even when there is no market for the food produced on these marginal acres?

What the *New York Times* says about the U.S. Southwest, a great grazing area in the past, should hold some lessons for us here in the Palliser Triangle of Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is true that we have been using better cultivation methods on our grain lands as a result of our early experiences with soil drifting. But it is also true that here, as there, we have plowed up hundreds of thousands of acres of marginal land during the war and since because the prices of wheat and grains generally have been higher in proportion than the prices of livestock. We've had our share of bonanza wheat farming in the past 10 years in both

South Alberta and Saskatchewan, and there is no reason to expect that at some drought period in the future we will not have dust bowl conditions such as Colorado, Texas and some other U.S. southwest states are now experiencing.

The battle against soil erosion is a continuing one. Fortunately our agriculture here in the Palliser Triangle area is of more recent date than that of Kansas and present dust bowl areas across the border.

We know now what to expect. We know that marginal land should be left in grass and not used for big scale grain production. But what is happening south of us shows that the lesson of soil conservation is a hard one to learn in a permanent way. It would be well to examine our present position against present U.S. plains area experience.

**Co-op Field Day to
Be June 19th —
Expect New Record**

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — Given good weather, the Southern Alberta Co-operative Field day promises this year to exceed all previous events of its kind, in attendance and in provision for visitors. New entertainment features have been added, and a very cordial invitation has been extended by the committee in charge to all who can attend. June 19th

has been set as the date, and the field day will be held as usual at the Dominion experimental station.

Free tickets for ice cream and light refreshments will be given at the gates starting about 9:00 a.m. In the forenoon, conducted tours of the experimental station will be made and the children will be entertained at this time by a series of comic and colour travelogue films.

Pincher Creek Band to Play

The Pincher Creek band will play from about 11:00 a.m. through the lunch hour and two or three guest artists will also appear. A short program will be held following lunch with Walter Derkaz of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale in Calgary as guest speaker. A number of races for the children with prizes will be run plus a horseshoe tournament and a men's tug-o-war.

To round out the day there will be square dancing on the lawn with Handley's Old Time Orchestra. All guests are asking to bring a picnic lunch and cups. There will be free coffee and ice cream, soft drinks and hot dogs for the children. Everyone is welcome to this day.

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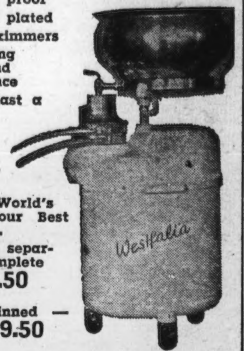
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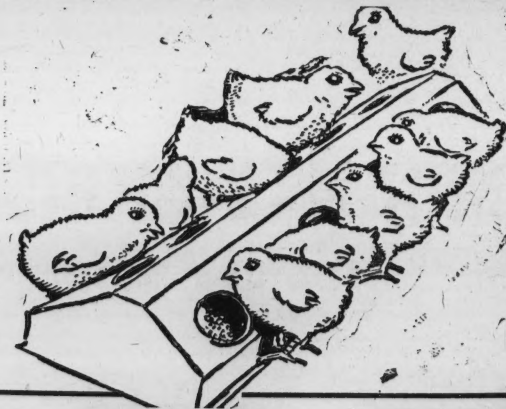


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FORESIGHT

"I can see in my mind the day when explosives'll shoot so far that only folks that stay at home'll be kilt, and life insurance agents'll be advisin' people to go into th' army. — "Mr. Dooley," (Finley Peter Dunne) humorous U.S. writer of early twentieth century.

WORLD CHRONICLE

May 5th. — Army revolt against Paraguayan government reported from Buenos Aires.

May 6th. — U.S. House of Representatives passes St. Lawrence Seaway bill. In Washington, Dulles denies U.S. has received set-back in Geneva. Russia imposes death penalty for murder; changes policy effective since 1917. London reports Britain will join France, U.S., Australia, New Zealand, probably Canada, in military staff talks on Indo-China.



EDEN

May 7th. — Vietnam capture Dien Bien Phu; commander De Castries and about 17 companies French troops taken prisoner. In radio speech, Dulles says U.S. would be "gravely concerned" in any Indo-Chinese armistice providing for a Communist "take-over"; says Congress will be "full partner" in any move involving use of armed force. Western powers formally reject Russian bid to join NATO; also reject proposal for European collective agreement. President Chaves of Paraguay deposed.

May 8th. — At Geneva, French propose immediate armistice in Indo-China, to be internationally supervised. Truman calls on Eisenhower to assert authority and "stem the growth of hysteria" in the U.S. In response to message from Eden, Nehru says India would support Indo-Chinese peace settlement.

May 9th. — De Gaulle followers in Paris demonstrate against government policy and against European army with a re-armed Germany in it. In Moscow, Marshal Zhukov pays

New Radio Director



A few days ago Ron McCullough of Red Deer, above, was introduced as the new director of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture's radio program, "On the Farm Front", by Don Brinton, who has built up during the past three years a popular and influential program. Mr. Brinton introduced his successor, describing the first-class recommendations with which Mr. McCullough comes to his new undertaking. Mr. Brinton, who is extending his activities to other avenues in the radio field, carries with him the very hearty good wishes of the farm people.

tribute to Eisenhower and Montgomery for great share in defeat of Nazi Germany.

May 10th. — Vietminh offer Indo-Chinese peace plan; to include immediate cease-fire, withdrawal of French, cessation of U.S. aid, and "free general elections without outside supervision". Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visit Gibraltar. Speaking in Florida, Hon. Paul Martin urges U.S. not to raise barriers against international trade. Canadian railways declare they can't afford to grant employee benefits recommended by federal conciliation board.

May 11th. — Even if Vietminh takes Indo-China, says Dulles in Washington, anti-Communist coalition could hold rest of Southeast Asia. Vietminh general Giap agrees to removal of French seriously wounded; will be taken to Hanoi by French helicopters.

May 12th. — Chou En-Lai, China's premier, demands the West keep "hands off" Asia; suggests Asian states set up their own collective security pact. In Paris, Laniel government wins vote of confidence by majority of two; is thus able to continue Geneva talks. St. Laurent states Canada has protested vigorously against U.S. import restrictions against lead, zinc and groundfish fillets. Reduced tariff agreement signed by Canada, Japan. Tehran court confirms Mossadegh's sentence of three years' solitary confinement.

May 13th. — Atomic power conference begins in London; attended by representatives of Britain, U.S., Russia, France, Canada.

May 14th. — Geneva reports France is asking further U.S. military aid; believed U.S. will not take direct military action in Indo-China unless supported by allies. From Athens comes announcement Balkan military alliance, to include Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey, to be concluded at Belgrade conference next month.

May 15th. — Queen, with Duke of Edinburgh, returns to London after six months' tour; people throng to give tumultuous welcome. In Williamsburg speech, Dulles says atomic talks blocked by Soviet attitude; Washington spokesman says talks will continue as Russia attitude not regarded as final.

May 16th. — Queen's visit to Gibraltar, declares Franco in Falange newspaper, had "united Spaniards in the sad decision that Gibraltar shall not go on living at the expense of Spain."

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary
A.F.A. President Returns — Roy Marler, A.F.A. President, has now returned from his five-week trip through West Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Britain.

Mr. Marler was one of a three-man committee sent to these countries by the Federal Department of Immigration to study the farm labor situation in relation to immigration. Other members of the committee included Art Stewart, past president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and Keith Bradley, a Quebec farmer and past director of the C.F.A.

The Committee has made a report of its findings to the Department of Immigration at Ottawa and so has nothing to report regarding its study. However, Mr. Marler reports a very busy time and a trip well worthwhile, but welcomed the Alberta soil under his feet again.

Farm Forum Annual Conference — The National Farm Radio Forum Annual Conference will be held in the west this June. The conference will open at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, on June 16th and 17th, with the National Board meeting on June 15th. It is expected that Alberta will be able to draw a fair delegation in attendance, especially from east of Edmonton.

The Alberta Farm Forum Committee will meet prior to the annual conference.

June Survey — Every June the Dominion Bureau of Statistics makes its annual survey of crops and livestock. The result of such work is very important in presenting a factual picture of production trends with regard to crops and livestock. This information is important to farm organizations as well as government departments. The Federation urges full co-operation by the individual farmer in filling out the report cards and returning them to the department.

May 17th. — Eisenhower orders government officials not to tell Senate investigators about private conversations with executives, nor to give them private documents on the Army-McCarthy controversy, hearing suspended. Supreme Court declares Negro segregation in school violates U.S. Constitution. Churchill states Britain will make no final decision on Indo-China while Geneva Conference in session. Atomic talks continue in session. Atomic talks continue in London, recess until Thursday. London despatch tells of plan, under consideration, for building of new Adriatic port for Yugoslavia, with British and American help, as solution Trieste dispute.

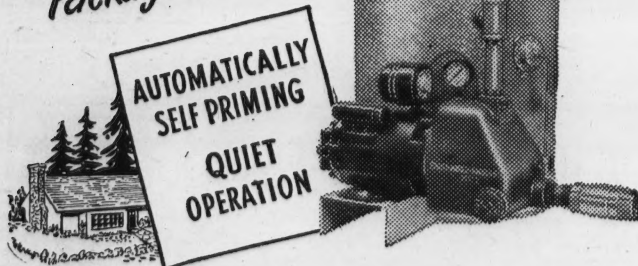
May 18th. — Vietminh troops reported advanced on Red river delta, in Indo-China; only 24 French wounded released from Dien Bien Phu; Vietminh charge French with sabotaging agreement. At Geneva, private meetings held on Indo-China peace. Washington reports that injuries to Japanese fishermen by H-bomb explosion March 1st have been arrested.

May 19th. — Britain, U.S., France, present new plan for Indo-China armistice, at secret session, in Geneva.

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Fertilizer in France More Vital Than Mechanization

By J. G. FEVRIER

FRANCE is one of the few countries in Western Europe with a balanced economy. Agriculture, in the broadest sense of the term (that is to say including stock-breeding) and industry are of equal importance. The rural population does not succumb to the lure of the "tentacular towns" as the Belgian poet Verhaeren called them. Thanks to this stability, French economy has on the whole been able to avoid or mitigate the serious crises that periodically affect countries where industry has developed at the expense of agriculture.

Seek Ever Increasing Field

But one cannot overlook the fact that the French peasant has been farming the same land for over two thousand years, and much of it in mountain or moorland regions is poor. An ever increasing yield is being asked of it. If the fertility of the soil is to be maintained, farm manure elsewhere used in quantity is no longer adequate. Greater and greater use has to be made of artificial fertilizers.

More Vital Than Mechanization

The problem of fertilizers is more vital to French agriculture than that of mechanization. What is the position in France in this respect?

Chemical fertilizers can be divided into three large categories, according to the fertilizing element they contain: phosphate, potassium and nitrate fertilizers. The use of each of those categories is closely connected with the extent of the country's resources. Three stages are clearly defined.

Before 1914 France was self-sufficient as regards phosphate fertilizers. She herself manufactured superphosphates from natural phosphates supplied by French North Africa. But for nitrates she was almost entirely dependent on imports of sodium nitrate from Chile. She did not possess potassium but consumed very small amounts of potassium fertilizers.

Supply Position Improved

After 1918, the supply position improved considerably. The return of the Lorraine iron and steel industry to France increased facilities for basic slag, added to those for superphosphates. The potassium mines of Alsace covered all French needs as regards potassium fertilizers and even left a large margin for exports. Lastly, thanks to increased production of recuperated ammonium sulphate, to new manufactured synthetic ammonium sulphate, and later on of synthetic nitrate fertilizers, France was able to meet part, but only part, of her requirements in nitrate fertilizers.

Then, after 1945, through the Monnet Plan, France succeeded in herself producing almost the whole of the nitrate fertilizers required. Secondly, as a result of developments in her iron and steel industry, the use of basic slag was extended still further. Finally, composite fertilizers are being increasingly used. This triple evolution is reflected in statistics for French fertilizer production and consumption during the 1952-53 period.

In Form of Composites

It should be noted that a large part of all these fertilizers has been used in the form of composite fertilizers. Composite fertilizers are not merely mixtures of fertilizers; they are made by chemical combination as a result of which (1) the fertilizing elements (nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potassium) are measured in definite amounts; (2) part of the inactive, useless matter is eliminated to make way for fertilizing elements, and this reduces transport charges. Composite

fertilizers are rapidly gaining ground at the expense of plain fertilizers.

Thus, for a total consumption of 268,000 tons of nitrate fertilizers (bound content nitrogen), 101,770 tons of nitrogen were used in the form of composite fertilizers. As regards phosphate fertilizers, out of a total of 469,400 tons (phosphoric acid content) the corresponding figure is 173,050 tons. Lastly, as regards potassium fertilizers, their use as composite fertilizers is greatest, with 191,700 tons out of a total 370,600 (pure potassium content).

Supplies Exceed Consumption

In the light of the above figures, the reader has no doubt perceived that at the present time France's resources in fertilizers of all kinds exceed consumption. The only imports of note are the basic slag from the Saar.

This is a result of the incorporation of Saar territory into French economy and could easily be replaced. Such a position obviously results from the temporary crisis of over-production that is now hitting French agriculture and the resulting fall in price. Bad sales are reflected in a drop in the purchase of fertilizers. But another factor is also involved.

Two Distinct Zones

There are two very distinct agricultural zones in France. In the first, which covers most of the country situated north of the Loire (with the exception of Brittany), agriculture uses very modern methods of farming, has high yields and comparatively low cost prices. In this zone the consumption of fertilizers is high. Moreover, much grain is grown there and

M. Fevrier, a well-known French economist, gives an interesting survey on this page of certain aspects of agriculture in France today.

France is one of the countries to be visited in *The Western Farm Leader's* coming tour of Europe. Great Britain, Germany and the Netherlands, are other countries included in the tour which are the subjects of featured articles in this issue.

sugar beet, and the prices of these commodities are fixed by the State and are not subject to the effects of a slump.

But, in the centre and south of France, there are many regions where land is too poor, methods of farming often too primitive and cost price is too high. The use of artificial fertilizers is too low as a result very probably of lack of financial means, but also because the farmers are using out-of-date methods. A big effort is now being made in France to popularize scientific farming and, in particular, to stimulate the intensive use of fertilizers by creating "pilot-villages," for instance, which serve as models for neighboring villages.

Control of Leafy Spurge

LACOMBE, Alta.—Excellent control of leafy spurge at Lacombe Experimental Station is reported by D. R. Walker, agronomist. Borates and chlorates are recommended killers for small patches of this weed, he says, but where infestation is widespread combined use of chemicals and competitive crop has been found effective. Crested wheat grass and creeping red fescue both have been good as competitive crops, with fescue slightly the better.

"DON'T BURN STUBBLE"

Don't burn stubble, urges Gordon B. Sterling, of the Alberta Department of Agriculture; rather work it into the surface of the soil. It protects the soil from both wind and water erosion, and when decomposed will enrich it for future crops.

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Increased Consumption of Dairy Foods Related to Advertising Program

There was a connection between the advertising and public relations program of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and the fact that Canadians in 1953 had increased their consumption of dairy foods, declares President Gilbert Macmillan, in a message to the 455,000 members of the national organization. A record in the "June Set-Aside" of contributions from the members to finance the publicity work had been set in 1953, when the total reached \$365,000. An effort will be made, stated Mr. Macmillan, to reach the \$400,000 mark this year.

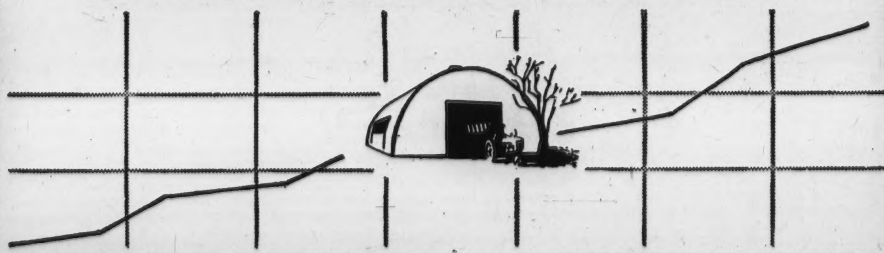
Controlling Enemy No. 1

Wild oats can best be controlled by late seeding, declares H. J. Mather in a recent bulletin of Line Elevators Farm Service. Tests have shown that if seeding of infested fields be delayed until June 1st to 15th, the land thoroughly cultivated meantime, and then an early maturing grain such as barley planted, the crop will be practically free of wild oats. Mr. Mather explains that the growth habit of the wild oat is such that relatively few seeds will germinate after the temperature of the soil rises above 50 degrees F., and that this is usually after June 1st. Wild oats, he writes, are now responsible for more crop losses than any other weed in the West, and again in 1954 they are likely to be weed enemy No. 1.



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Drama Festival Judge Is**Noted Theatrical Producer**

HAMILTON, Ont. — Hugh Hunt, judge of the Dominion Drama Festival held here recently, has been producer of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, and of the Old Vic's Bristol and London companies. He is a younger brother of Sir John Hunt, leader of the Everest expedition. The top award went to Montreal's "Le Roi David"; Calgary's "Lady's Not for Burning" was adjudged the best English presentation; Edna Pozer, Calgary, was named best actress and Gordon Robertson, Kingston, best actor.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

Our Old People's Rest House

Dear Farm Women:

As we grow older, the greater number of us often and often find ourselves making comment on the changes there are in our social life, in the customs of the home, the community and the wider world. Of course, there are some who continually refer to times past as the "good old days" in comparison with those of today. However, while no doubt some most pleasing and commendable features of the old days have gone, today brings many comforts, many pleasures and very often a much greater sense of social responsibility than was conceived of in the old days.

Large House with Fifty Acres

I have just come back from visiting an Old People's Home in the making, or rather, as the enthusiastic head of the work preferred to call it, a "Rest House". Some time ago a large house with some fifty acres of land, a mile and a half or so from the city of Courtenay on what was called The Back Road, was bought to be thus used.

There was far from a harmonious beginning of the project. Many considered the place too far from the city,

where the older people might want to enjoy the city pleasures of the church, the crowds, the movies, etc. Various other objections were raised.

A Truly Beautiful View

On the other hand, those in favor of the project and the proposed location were enthusiastic over the possibilities. The view, for instance, is truly beautiful, as it overlooks the valley with cattle grazing in the field, the water and the mountains beyond. Also, they planned that the acreage would allow for the building of small cottages in the future.

The feeling ran high, as most of us know it can, over just such a difference. However, many of the very much "anti" and the doubtful have been won over to the other point of view, especially as the whole countryside is rapidly building up and it soon will not seem outside.

Of course the original building was entirely remodelled and much enlarged and we were shown the future bedrooms, the community dining room, the living room, the kitchen with the electric stoves, and very wisely another in case the electricity failed for a time, so the old people would thus not be in a helpless condition.

Part the Women Played

The part the women have played in this undertaking has really been outstanding. They have helped in their various lodges and clubs for "The Cause", but the direct personal work has been a tremendous help. Day after day, when workers were there, they have brought afternoon tea to them and one that was more than the polite cup of tea. An old chimney was torn down to be rebuilt and they cleaned the bricks. They put in wallboard where it was needed on the walls. They nailed wire on the outside in readiness for the stucco. They brought high school boys out to nail boards on the roof. And I know I could say, "etc., etc."

Electricians, Plumbers Give Services

Of course, the men have played their part with individual offers of help and their clubs and organizations have worked for the accomplishment of the job. The electricians gave their service in installing the electric system in the building. The plumbers are going to do the same and the painters as well.

The Provincial Government makes a grant equal to one-third of the value of the work and materials used. The grants are made from time to time to help the work along.

Certainly it is an example of a sense of social responsibility shared by individuals and clubs, resulting in a most pleasing and comfortable home for those who may need it and in a most beautiful location.

Yours sincerely,

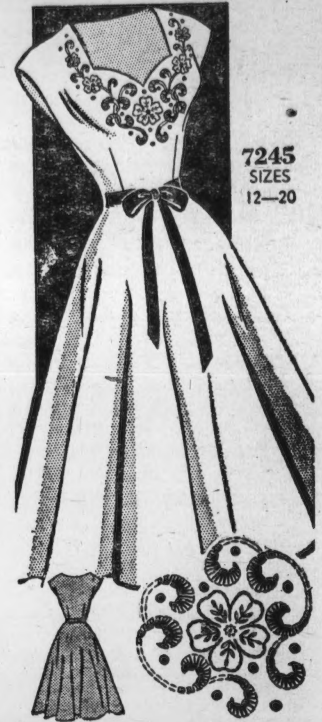
H. ZELIA SPENCER.

Ancient And Modern

KABUL, Afghanistan — Some of the oldest types of hand looms known to history are turning out cloth in Afghanistan, side by side with modern textile mills. This was noted in the report of a Greek textile expert who has studied the Afghan industry under the auspices of the International Labor Organization (UN affiliate).

Mrs. Ebl writes that Evergreen FWUA are planning a Farmers' Union picnic for June 11th.

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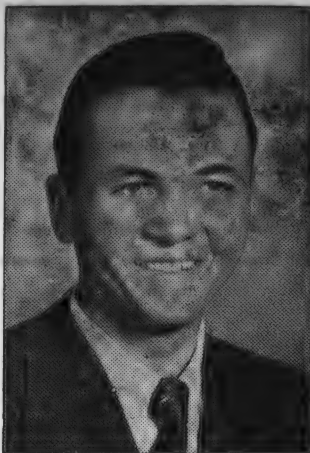
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Will Be Guests of Young Farmers of Scotland To Take in Major Shows



As previously announced in The Western Farm Leader, the exchange plan by which the Junior Farmers Union of Alberta and the Scottish Association of Junior Clubs exchange visits of members is being continued this year. Each of the organizations sends delegates to visit the other during alternate summers.

The Scottish association will play host this summer to Miss Mable Rasmuson of Gwynne, former Junior President, and William Steiner of Arrowwood, outstanding young farmer of that district, who are shown above. Last year Miss Jessie Adams of Sterling and Miss Helen Tough of Turiff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, visited Alberta.

While overseas this summer, Miss Rasmuson and Mr. Steiner will spend about two months in Scotland, and while in Britain will take in the Royal Highland Show at Dumfries and the Royal Show at Windsor, and spend a few days sight-seeing in London. Miss Rasmuson also intends to visit the Scandinavian countries before returning. They were chosen from a list of nominations submitted by Locals throughout the province.

Animals Can Transmit Many Diseases to Man

TORONTO, Ont. — Over eighty diseases can be transmitted to man by animals — most of them by cattle, horses and pigs — states the Health League of Canada. Domestic pets can be responsible for the spread of some diseases to man, the most serious being rabies.

Four of the best-known diseases common to man and livestock are undulant fever, bovine tuberculosis, leptospirosis and Q-fever. The first two can be transmitted through raw milk or fresh cheese — hence the desirability of pasteurization of milk. They can also be carried by direct contact, and here continuous check-

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ing of the health of individual herds is the best preventative. Great strides in treatment of undulant fever have been made since discovery of antibiotics.

Tree Planting Tour Starts

The tree planting car, sponsored by the Canadian Forestry Association, has started its 34th consecutive annual tour of the prairie provinces this year. Programs presented to both adults and school pupils demonstrate what can be accomplished by the use of trees, and give practical planting instructions.

News of Women's Locals

Plans for the Farmers' Day picnic have been made by Trochu FWUA, reports Mrs. Ed. Kober, secretary.

The special paper on father and son agreements was much appreciated by South Berry Creek FWUA, writes Mrs. D. Griffith.

Poplar Ridge FWUA recently donated \$10 to a benefit dance, \$5 to the Salvation Army and \$5 to the cancer fund, writes Mrs. J. Moore.

Proceeds of the Farmers' Day picnic sponsored by Borschin FWUA (Haight) will go to the Building Fund, writes Mrs. Joe Ogrodnick, the secretary.

Mrs. C. Anderson, secretary of Griffin Creek FWUA (Brownvale) writes that a picnic is to be held on Farmers' Day, the men taking charge of a dance to follow.

Because their dance had to be cancelled, reports Mrs. Marr, Utopia FWUA (Twin Butte) are holding a bake sale to raise money for the building fund.

A letter of thanks for CARE parcels, from Miss R. Steeves, in Pakistan, was read to a recent meeting of Swallow FWUA, reports Mrs. Fred Empey.

A card party followed a recent meeting at Athabasca FWUA, proceeds being devoted to the building fund; Mrs. R. N. Russell was hostess.

Rosyth FWUA are sponsoring Mary Crone in the Queen contest for the Haidist Stampede, and are entering a float, writes Mrs. Oxford.

The Daffodil Tea and sale of home cooking netted over \$108, it was reported to Irvine FWUA recently. Mrs. Rall writes that the good used clothing for the Red Cross proved a very successful roll call.

Crop insurance was discussed by Stapledene FWUA (Lloydminster) at a spring meeting, writes Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Inge and Mrs. Harrison read the bulletins, and it was reported that the bake sale had yielded over \$112.

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An average price of \$443.86 was brought by milking shorthorn cows at the annual sale held at Springfield, Mo., recently.

The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Alberta Wheat Pool

When the present crop year ends next July 31st, Canada will still have on hand a supply of wheat equal to 1 1/4 average crops. There is almost certain to be a carryover in the neighborhood of 500 million bushels, whereas the average annual production of wheat in Canada is 400 million bushels. Such a carryover would be second only to the record of 594.6 million bushels held on July 31st, 1943.

On April 1st, with four months remaining in the present crop year, stocks of wheat in Canada available for export and carryover totalled 652.3 million bushels, an increase of 122.3 million from a year ago.

The large indicated carryover means that when next harvest begins Canada's elevators will be filled to capacity and a substantial quantity of grain will still remain on prairie farms. Farm storage space will have to be found for all of this year's crop.

Large Acreage Cut not Expected

Even with an exceptionally large carryover in sight the reduction in prairie wheat acreage is not likely to be large. Assuming seeding can be completed without much further delay, Alberta's wheat acreage may be down about 6 per cent or 400,000 acres from the 6,340,000 acres sown last year. A report from Saskatchewan indicates that wheat acreage there may only be down about 500,000 acres from the 16,400,000 sown a year ago.

Further delays in seeding, however, could bring about a further reduction in the wheat acreage, as seeding is now more than two weeks late. In Alberta, only 9 per cent of all wheat had been sown by May 15th, as compared with a long-time average of 65 per cent. Over the past 20 years, only in 1948 was seeding later. That year only 8 per cent of the wheat had been sown by May 15th.

In the decade 1941-1951, the number of horses in Canada dropped by 44 per cent.

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, May 19th. — Hogs sold yesterday \$35.25, good lambs \$20 to \$21. Good to choice butcher steers were \$18 to \$19.50, down to \$15 for common; good to choice heifers \$17 to \$18.25, down to \$14; good cows \$13 to \$14, down to \$10.50; canners and cutters \$7 to \$10; good bulls \$12.50 to \$13.50, good stocker and feeder steers \$15.50 to \$17.25; good to choice veal calves \$19 to \$23, down to \$14 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, May 17th. — The market last week was generally firm to strong; choice steers sold mostly from \$18.50 to \$19.25, with prime exporters topping at \$19.50. Medium to good heifers brought \$14 to \$16.25, with choice handyweights topping around \$17.50. Bulk of good killing cows of moderate weight brought \$12 to \$13; good to choice stocker and feeder steers sold mostly from \$15.50 to \$16. Hogs closed at \$35.30 for Grade A.

The Dairy Market

Special cream, to producers, is 59 cents; No. 1 is 57, No. 2 is 48 and off-grade 42. First-grade butter, in prints, wholesale, is 60 cents.

Egg and Poultry Market

CALGARY — Egg prices remain, to producers, at 30 cents for A large, 28 for A medium, and 25 for A small. B's are 22 and C's 18. Dressed chicken, under 4 lbs. are 32 for Grade A, 28 for B and 20 for C. Dressed fowl, under 4-lbs. are 20 down to 10; 4 to 5 lbs., 22 down to 11; over 5 lbs., 24 down to 13. Dressed turkeys, under 18 lbs., 34 down to 23; over 18 lbs., 30 down to 22.

Grain Co-operatives Seek No Changes in Existing Legislation

Provisions of the Canada Grain Act give Western farmers adequate protection in the weighing and handling of their grain, in the opinion of the two large farmer co-operatives, United Grain Growers Limited and the Alberta Wheat Pool, according to press reports on briefs presented to the House of Commons committee on agriculture.

The Act is workable in its present form, stated Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Q.C., LL.D., in behalf of United Grain Growers, Limited. Overages and shortages, he said, derived from the system of bulk handling of grain, adding that "the solution of this particular problem, we believe, has been both correct and satisfactory." Mr. Brownlee stated that U.G.G. had been experimenting with dust controlling devices for several years, and hoped eventually to develop reasonably satisfactory equipment. He spoke of the difficulty of restricting hours of operation under present conditions, when many farmers had to deliver their grain from long distances.

The Alberta Wheat Pool's brief presented by Ben Plumer, board chairman, expressed the belief that it had secured no undue profit as the result of overages, shortages or methods of grading. Handling of grain in bulk did not permit of shipping from country elevators to terminals precisely the exact grades and quantities delivered by producers.

The brief stated: "We believe that the Canada Grain Act provides ample protection for the producer in assuring him of accuracy in weights, grades and dockages to conform as closely as possible to government standards."

Mr. Plumer later joined J. H. Wesson, of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, in suggesting allocation of boxcars on the basis of grain handling during normal periods.

On the per capita basis, the contribution of Canada to the Colombo Plan is less than that of Britain.

Seek Reduction of Conflict in Trade Policies

Seventh Conference of International Farmers' Union Opens in Nairobi

NAIROBI, Kenya, May 19th. — How to reduce conflicting national farm and trade policies and resulting tension among the democracies will be one of the most important subjects for discussion at the seventh Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers to be held here May 21st to 29th. Delegates representing 25,000,000 organized farm families in 27 countries will attend the sessions, to be opened by President Allan B. Kline, who is also president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Can Make Real Contribution

"If our delegates can find a way to help reduce economic friction among the democracies, it will be a real contribution to world progress", states the secretary-general, Roger Savary. "Not only will it contribute to maximizing desirable trade but will aid greatly in bringing about a stronger free world. It is just as important or more so for democracies to be economically at peace as to be militarily united."

"Economic particularism where countries are taking action for domestic expediency without recognizing the great harm done to the producers of other friendly nations leads to retaliatory action by these other nations. This kind of economic fighting always ends in disaster."

Surpluses of Farm Products

Disposition of mounting surpluses of farm products will be another major problem facing the delegates. They will discuss various means of moving surpluses of food and fibre into consumption — one of them the provision of food and clothing for workers on development projects in such hungry areas as the Far East. Specifically, wheat will be discussed, and also sugar, cotton, dairy products, fats and oils, feeding stuffs, and wool.

International trade and payments, with particular reference to farm products; reports of meetings of member organizations; inter-governmental activities in food and agriculture; UN technical assistance programs and UN promotion of land reform: these are among vital matters to come before the conference and its committee meetings.

Canada Largest Buyer

OTTAWA, Ont. — Canada was the largest buyer of British pedigree cattle in 1953. Brought to this country were 406 Shorthorns, 37 Aberdeen Angus, 36 Ayrshires and 21 Red Polls.

Awarded Gold Medal

Royal's Violet Trixie, five-year-old Jersey in the herd of W. Atkinson, Vegreville, has recently completed a record in 304 days of 10,843 lbs. of milk, 686 lbs. fat, and has been awarded a gold medal certificate by the Canadian Jersey Club.

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Former United Farmer Member of Legislature Now Leading Diplomat



Son of a Norwegian missionary who took up farming in the Camrose district, Chester A. Ronning, above, plowed with oxen and broke horses in the Peace River country. He became principal of the Lutheran College at Camrose, and was elected to the Provincial Legislative Assembly as a representative of the United Farmers of Alberta. Last week he took over the leadership of the Canadian delegation at Geneva, during the absence of the Minister for External Affairs, Hon. Lester Pearson.

Born in Fencheng, Hupeh, China, Mr. Ronning learned Chinese as a boy, and he has spent 25 years of his life there. Posted at the Canadian embassy in Nanking soon after V-J day he witnessed the fall of Chiang Kai-shek's government from power, and the advent of the new Peking regime. He stayed in China as Mao Tse-tung and the Communists carried through the early stages of the revolution. Recently he has been Canadian Minister to Norway.

At Geneva a week or two ago, at a luncheon to which he invited the Chinese Prime Minister, Chou En-lai, all conversation was carried on in Chinese. A Geneva despatch (Canadian Press) suggests that if Canada should recognize the Peking regime, Mr. Ronning will be her first ambassador.

Farm Union Council Presents Brief on Canada Grain Act

Enlargement of the Board of Grain Commissioners from three to five, to include "actual producing farmers" was advocated in the Interprovincial Farm Union Council's brief presented to the House of Commons standing committee on agriculture by J. L. Phelps, chairman, recently. It was further urged that prior to any revision of the Canada Grain Act, a commission be set up to go into the "whole question of grain handling, mixing, drying, the question of grain overages, the matter of diversion charges and protein grading." Further recommendations included the holding of a conference to seek wider markets for farm products; cash advances on farm stored grain; inclusion of Eastern Canada under the Board's jurisdiction to protect eastern purchasers of feed grains; closer supervision of the sale of screenings; better distribution of box cars. The Council supported the Canadian Wheat Board and endorsed the new International Wheat Agreement and urged maximum use of Port Churchill.

At a meeting of the Primrose League (Conservative auxiliary organization) recently, Sir Winston Churchill urged that "links be forged" with Russia to convince the Russian people and government that "Britain wishes them peace, happiness and prosperity."

Farm Income Down in '53— 23 per cent Below '51 Peak

OTTAWA. — Canadian farm net income for 1953 is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$1,656,600,000. This is 13 per cent less than 1952, and 23 per cent below the peak year of 1951.

OTTAWA, Ont. — Cash income of Canadian farmers from the sale of farm products and participation payments on the previous year's grain crops, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was \$2,741,300,000, a drop of 3 per cent from that of 1952.

Little Folks' Puzzle



"Oh! I am so proud of my new apron. See! It has a pocket, too!" said Susan. "I saw an animal in the zoo and she had a pocket, too!" If you would like a picture of this animal, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number fifty-seven. Complete this picture with your crayons.

NEWS OF WOMEN'S LOCALS

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A talk and demonstration on home nursing, by Mrs. G. Finlay, was enjoyed by Durness FWUA (Lloydminster) recently, writes Mrs. R. L. Robertson; as were papers on producer marketing boards and on education.

A letter of thanks from the Red Cross for sewing done was read to Park Grove FWUA (Vegreville) recently, writes Mrs. Walker, and more work was passed out to the members. A donation was made to the cancer fund, and assistance given in canvassing.

A picture, painted by their oldest member, was presented by Grand Meadow FWUA recently to Mrs. Eloffson, as she moved into a new home. Donations of \$25 to the cancer fund and \$20 to the polio fund were voted at a recent meeting; and it was reported that a tea held earlier in the spring had realized \$120.

Mrs. Otway read the bulletin on father and son agreements and Mrs. Swarbrick read a paper on education, at a recent meeting of Eclipse FWUA (Lacombe). Following a report by Mrs. G. Sharp, it was decided to hold a bake sale in aid of the hospital; and Miss Elsa Maurer reported on women

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Ham and Eggs A La King: To 1 cup medium white sauce add 1/4 tsp. dry mustard and 2 tsp. prepared horseradish; add 1 cup cubed cooked ham and two chopped hard-cooked eggs. Serve very hot over buttered toast or over fresh baking power biscuits.

To Pasteurize Milk: Heat the raw milk to 140 degrees F., maintain it at that heat for 30 minutes; cool quickly.

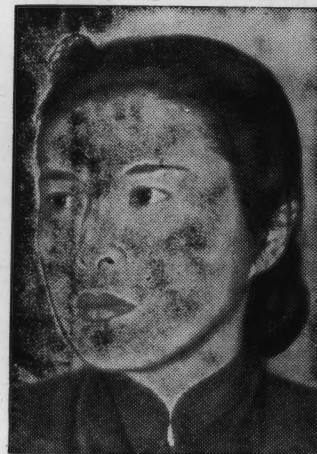
Hand Cleanser: Melt down mild soap in very little hot water, cool; and work in as much cornmeal or oatmeal as it will take.

Iron-Rich Foods: Persons requiring food with a high iron content should eat liver, kidneys, heart and tongue, dark green leafy vegetables, dried peas and beans, dried apricots, dried peaches and prunes.

in politics. Plans were also made for catering for the Shorthorn Breeders' banquet on May 26th.

A report on the United Nations, prepared by Mrs. A. M. McElroy, and a summary of current developments in UNESCO and FAO were features of a recent meeting of Conrich FWUA, at the home of Mrs. R. Cary. Mrs. F. Blight, secretary, writes that each member is making a flour sack article for a sale in the fall.

Press Spokesman



In charge of press conferences for the Chinese Communist government at Geneva is Miss Kung Peng, above, who answers all questions concerning China's policy. During World War II she was in Chungking with Chiang Kai-shek, and many western newspapermen met her there.

Offspring of Pregnant Women Suffered Grave Effects From Radiation

CHICAGO, Ill. — The effects of atomic radiation on thirty women who were pregnant when injured by the atomic bombing of Nagasaki have been studied by a group of three American doctors, who have just issued their report. They found that in the thirty cases there were three miscarriages and four stillbirths; three babies died in their first month, three within their first year, and one at the age of two and a half. Of the sixteen surviving children, four are retarded mentally.

Dedication to Honor Bomber Aircrew, VE Day

LINCOLN, England. — On the ninth anniversary of VE Day, a stained glass window was dedicated in the Airmen's Chapel of Lincoln Cathedral. It will commemorate 55,500 members of Bomber Command aircrew killed in the Second World War, among them 1,233 Canadians. The main theme of the window depicts the Archangel Michael slaying the dragon.

Useful Grasses

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — Results of tests carried on for several years at the Dominion Experimental Farm here show that Intermediate Wheat Grass, Russian Wild Rye and Tall Wheat Grass should be useful additions to the list of adapted grasses for hay and pasture.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Hereabouts spring hasn't went because it didn't came.

And speaking of the weather, Oswald the Observant points out that before the invention of the H-Bomb only Cockneys were supposed to drop their aitches.

Then there are those who think that those U.S. explosions in the Pacific are responsible for the bad weather we have been having around the Calgary district this spring. We wonder, is that an A-bomb-inable suggestion.

has been like, Mary of Carbon opines that Browning must have been in Alberta when he wrote: "Oh to be in England now that April's here."

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The north wind doth blow
And we shall have snow
And what will the robin do then
Poor thing?
He'll sit in the barn
To keep himself warm,
And hide his head under his wing,
Poor thing.

— Old Nursery Rhyme.

And considering what the weather these bomb explosions are the cause

If it turns out to be true that all

of bad weather, then, Mark Twain notwithstanding, somebody should be able to do something about it.

SECURITY RISK

U.S. Immigration Officer: "Have you ever been to Russia?"

British Visitor: "Yes."

U.S.I.O.: "For what purpose?"

B.V.: "To see Mr. Stalin."

U.S.I.O.: "Was it a social or a political visit?"

B.V.: "Political."

U.S.I.O.: "Were you then engaged in a joint activity with Stalin?"

B.V.: "Yes. I was giving him all the help in my power."

U.S.I.O.: Do you consider that if you had refused to give him assistance his government might have collapsed?"

B.V.: "Most probably."

U.S.I.O.: "Have you ever been a radical?"

B.V.: "Yes. In the early years of the Twentieth Century. Later I changed my mind."

U.S.I.O.: "Do you support any form of government repugnant to the principles of the American way of life?"

B.V.: "Yes."

U.S.I.O.: "Which form?"

B.V.: "I am a strong believer in the monarchial principle. I believe in kings and especially queens."

U.S.I.O.: "You seem to be a very dubious character, and you will have to go to Ellis Island while we check your file with MI-5 in London. What is your name and address?"

B.V.: "Winston Churchill, 10 Downing Street, London."

— National News Letter, London.

We read somewhere or other that the guy who discovered aspirin suffered cruelly from headaches. Since then, however, he's made millions out of other people's.

Or their Suckers, eh?

Our office cynic says that the sweetness of a lot of gals comes from their sugar daddies.

According to Chuck of Chuckawalla, you can't expect the kids to be as good as gold these days seeing that the rest of the world has gone off the gold standard.

Says the French philosopher, Pierre Gazotte, it's the peak of intelligence to tell your wife she's too fat to wear a mink coat. But the guy who tries it is sure going to see the fur fly and though, he may be as smart as a fox he risks being badgered until he feels as silly as a coon.

T.V. comedian, Robert Q. Lewis declares you can tell it's getting colder when girls put on two sweaters for comfort instead of one for looks. Maybe two sweaters make them more attractive because they never can convey that chilly look which gets some fellows down.

The noted author Somerset Maugham says the girl of fifty years ago was a terrible bore but today's girls are bright and amusing. Apparently Mr. Maugham, who is eighty, is still getting around all right.

According to the Atlantic Constitution it's funny that cold girls don't get the fur coats. It isn't so funny, it's just the fact that nobody ever wraps an icicle in muskrat.

Accused of robbing his third wife of over two thousand dollars, a New Orleans taxi driver is alleged to have admitted he spent the money on two other women he married. Even a taxi driver ought to have known that was unfaire.

Careful American Air Force drivers are being pulled up by military police

they
rise
and fall
on
the same
tides

Few people can resist the call of the countryside as Spring moves toward Summer. Nature is then seen at her best, and the air is fresh and invigorating. Plowed fields have given way to the green of growing seeds and grains. Grass, that wonder plant without which human life could not exist, covers much of the land. Dairy cows now roam in lush pastures.

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The meadow, hear the shame
Of Dobbin's chains.
Smell the scent of man and
Learn it — learn it well.
Say! Had a strappin'
Fine young son myself today!

— WALDO T. BOYD.

When French customs men refused to let a man take a bottle of rum into Switzerland duty free, he said, "I'll take it through, anyway," and he drank the lot. Customs official now know the truth of that old saying, "There are more ways than one of skinning a cat."

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS

Q.S.L. of Edmonton wants to know how it is that a river has its own mouth and yet expects its tributaries to feed it. Lissen, K.S.L., isn't it a great source of wonder that anything can keep such a big mouth open all the time and still not say unkind and gossipy things about its neighbors.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

In Kokura, Japan, a bandit pretending to be a bank employee casually walked out with a million yen. Just a case of a guy having a yen for a yen.

Officials of Brazil's second annual brandy drinking tournament made the decision that henceforth all contestants must list their names in advance for the record, because last year's winner, after emptying fourteen bottles of brandy, could recall only his first name. Ah, well, after 14 bottles of the stuff we'll bet even John Barleycorn couldn't have done any better.

A Kentucky woman seeking a divorce complains that her husband is a book fiend, and as all his conversations are carried on while he is reading they are apt to be irritating, absent minded and unkind. As an illustration, she gave an excerpt from a recent conversation while her husband was plunged deep in the latest mystery thriller.

Wife: "John, dear, what was I wearing the other night when you said I looked so charming?"

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